

STATE OF MARYLAND



Proclamation

Declaration of State of Emergency

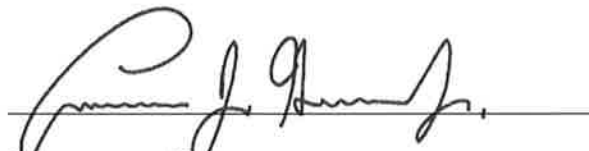
- WHEREAS, There is an impending imminent threat to Maryland of severe or widespread loss of life, injury, or other health impacts, property damage or destruction, social or economic disruption, or environmental degradation from a variety of natural hazards or disasters including but not limited to significant winter weather with snow accumulation and damage caused by high winds;
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Emergency Management has advised there may be a need to take protective actions to protect the lives and property of citizens expected to be impacted by this winter weather;
- WHEREAS, Because of the potential impacts of this weather on Maryland and in preparation for all contingencies, an emergency exists in Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, to include Ocean City;
- WHEREAS, It may be appropriate to implement the emergency powers of the Governor;
- WHEREAS, To facilitate emergency response and restoration activities, there may be a need to waive certain regulations, activate certain emergency contracts, and deploy requisite resources within provisions of Maryland law;
- WHEREAS, Use of resources of the Maryland National Guard may be required; and
- WHEREAS, A declaration of a state of emergency that implements the emergency powers of the Governor is a prerequisite for potential federal emergency and disaster assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLES 13 AND 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. A state of emergency exists in Maryland for Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, to include Ocean City.
- B. The Maryland National Guard is called into State service, action, and active duty.
- C. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management and all other appropriate State authorities are authorized to activate their emergency preparedness plans and to gauge, deploy, use, and coordinate available resources in support of local jurisdictions and the citizens of Maryland.
- D. Executive Branch units are authorized during the state of emergency to, as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, or safety, and to facilitate the safe, rapid, and orderly delivery of resources and critical public safety services, take administrative or other actions including, but not limited to, the powers enumerated in Titles 13 and 14 of the Public Safety Article.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 28th day of January, 2022.




Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Attest:


John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State